

worked for the right of women to vote in the United States; and
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Amending the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education: H.R. 2080, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education.
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Recess: The House recessed at 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.
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Recess: The House recessed at 6:51 p.m. and reconvened at 8:13 p.m.
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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4629.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4566–67, H4567, H4584, H4608 and H4608–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WELFARE OF ANIMALS IN AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the welfare of animals in agriculture. Testimony was heard from former Representative Charles W. Stenholm of Texas; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

SUPERVISOR MISCLASSIFICATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on “Are NLRB and Court Rulings Misclassifying Skilled and Professional Employees as Supervisors?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ALTERNATIVE FUELS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Alternative Fuels: Current Status, Proposals for New Standards, and Related Infrastructure Issues.” Testimony was heard from Robert J. Meyers, Associate Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Alexander A. Karsner, Assistant Secretary, En-

ergy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

ROLE OF SECONDARY MARKET IN SUBPRIME MORTGAGE LENDING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on the Role of the Secondary Market in Subprime Mortgage Lending. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Rural Housing Programs: Review Fiscal Year 2008 Budget and Pending Rural Housing Legislation,” including the following bills: H.R. 1980, Housing Assistance Council Authorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 1982, Rural Housing and Economic Development Improvement Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Pamela Patenaude, Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Russell T. Davis, Administrator, Rural Development Housing and Community Facilities Programs, USDA; and public witnesses.

JEWISH AND PALESTINIAN REFUGEES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Two Sides of the Same Coin: Jewish and Palestinian Refugees. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VOTER CONFIDENCE AND INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT OF 2007; ELECTION CONTESTS DISMISSED; COMMITTEE FRANKING ALLOCATION RESOLUTION

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 811, amended, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007; and four resolutions dismissing Election contests in the following cases: *Russell v. Brown-Waite* (FL–5); *Gonzalez v. Diaz-Balart* (FL–21); *Curtis v. Feeney* (FL–24); and *Cox v. McCreary* (LA–4).

The Committee also approved a Committee Franking Allocation Resolution.

ANTITRUST MODERNIZATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Antitrust Task Force held a hearing on the findings and recommendations of the Antitrust Modernization Commission, as established by the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Antitrust Modernization Commission: Deborah A. Garza, Chair; and Jon Yarowsky, Vice Chair.

U.S. IMMIGRATION SYSTEM—ROLE OF FAMILY-BASED IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on the Role of Family-Based Immigration in the U.S. Immigration System. Testimony was heard from Representative Gingrey; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS FAIRNESS IN CONTRACTING ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1873, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment except for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairwoman Velázquez, Representative Sestak, Chairman Waxman, Representatives Braley, Welch of Vermont, Wynn, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Chabot, and Sessions.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1684, to authorize appropriations for

the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule considers as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security. The committee amendment shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment except for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order those amendments printed in the report and waives all points of order against such amendments except for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson of Mississippi, Representatives Hastings of Florida, Cardoza, Castor, Sherman, Lipinski, King of New York, Shays, Tom Davis of Virginia, Davis of Tennessee, Hastings of Washington, Royce, Mica, Hayes, Terry, Bilbray, Blackburn, Garrett of New Jersey, and Poe.

LEVEE/DAM SAFETY PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a joint hearing on National Levee Safety and Dam Safety Programs. Testimony was heard from David I. Maurstad, Assistant Administrator, Mitigation Directorate, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Steven L. Stockton, Deputy Director, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

RAIL SAFETY LEGISLATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Rail Safety Legislation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and Kurt W. Hyde, Assistant Inspector General, Surface and Maritime Programs, Office of Inspector General; Mark Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

VETERANS CEMETERIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Veterans Cemeteries: Honoring Those Who Served. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: John Metzler, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery; and William F. Tuerk, Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs; BG John W. Nicholson, USA (ret.), Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; and representatives of veterans organizations.

DOD/VA MEDICAL RECORDS SHARING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Sharing of Electronic Medical Records between Department of Defense and Department of Veterans' Affairs. Testimony was heard from Valerie Melvin, Director, Human Capital and Management Information Systems Issues, GAO; Gerald M. Cross, M.D., Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Stephen Jones, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

INDEPENDENT WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support and the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a joint hearing on Independent Workers. Testimony was heard from Sigurd Nilsen, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine farm bill policy proposals relating to farm and energy issues and rural development, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Internal Revenue Service, 3 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety, to hold hearings to examine All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) safety, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to

Global Warming and Wildlife Protection, to hold hearings to examine emerging technologies and practices for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine climate change relating to national security threats, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dell L. Dailey, of South Dakota, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, and Mark P. Lagon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and S. 221, to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine benefits legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the future of Medicare, focusing on recognizing the need for chronic care coordination, 3 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the impact of imported contaminated food and feed ingredients and of recent food safety emergencies on food safety and animal health systems, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, on Guantanamo, Panel I, executive, and Panel II, open, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 2008, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Assessing the Safety of Our Nation's Drug Supply," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on the Economic and Military Support for the U.S. Efforts in Iraq: The Coalition of the Willing, Then and Now, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "Assessing the Capabilities and Coordination of Federal Emergency Response Teams," 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to continue hearings on the U.S. Economy, U.S. Workers, and Immigration Reform, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing on Endangered Species Act Implementation: Science or Politics? 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, to consider the following bills: H.R.